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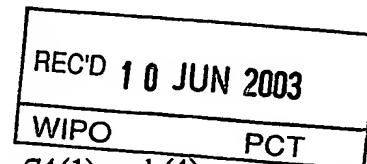
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Title:**Rewind arms for plastic film slitting apparatus.**

This invention relates to rewind arms for holding winding cores onto
5 which plastics film is wound after processing on a slitter rewinder machine
wherein a wide film is slit into lesser widths and wound onto cores for further
use.

In such machines a wide roll of film is passed through a machine, cut or
slit with blades longitudinally and the slit widths rewound individually using
10 pairs of rewinding arms onto cores. There is a frequent requirement to rewind
film onto paper cores of various diameters according to market requirements.
Industrial standard core inside diameters are 76 mm and 152 mm. Slitter
rewinder machine which achieve this use individual contact rollers and in view
of the great variety of slit widths it is not practical to have a special length of
15 contact roller for each individual slit width. Each contact roller is therefore of
an extended length and the dimension of the top core holding zone of the
rewind arm has to be limited in size to avoid the contact roller touching the arm
at the overlaps each side of the core width. The design of the top of the rewind
arm is therefore limited in size by the minimum core diameter that the machine
20 is required to handle.

Hitherto machines have made use of two designs of rewind arms to
handle the 76 mm and the 152 mm core diameters. This is due to the fact that
a rewind arm top dimension which is mechanically suitable to hold a 76 mm

core has mechanical components which are limited in size being the drive shaft and bearings and which are unsuitable for the larger size cores. Because of this a minimum core internal diameter of 152 mm is often specified even though a smaller size would be preferred.

5 An object of this invention is to provide a rewind arm for slitter rewinder machines which can accommodate different core diameters and which minimises interference with a contact roller.

According to this invention there is provided a rewind arm assembly for slitter rewinder machines wherein one side of the top of the rewind arm has
10 core shaft and support bearings adapted to a first size of core internal diameter and the other side of the top of the rewind arm has core shaft and support bearings adapted to a second size of core internal diameter.

With this construction the top of the rewind arm may thus have a housing for the two sets of shaft supports and bearings which to one side has a
15 lesser dimension than the other at least in zone of the contact roller. The top housing thus being stepped. This allows the contact roller to extend laterally beyond the top part of the support arm without interference with or fouling the arm when a smaller diameter core is being wound. Naturally the contact roller can only extend widthways up to the steps on each support arm but
20 nevertheless this means that a single contact roller may be used with a range of slit widths for smaller size cores.

This invention, and further and preferred features thereof are described in conjunction with the drawings showing one embodiment by way of an

example. In the drawings:

Fig1 shows a longitudinal section through two diameters of core mounted on support arms according to this invention,

Fig. 2 shows and end view of a smaller diameter core and support arm, and

Fig. 3 shows and end view of a larger diameter core and support arm.

Referring to the drawings there is shown a winding core 1 of 76 mm diameter and a winding core 2 of 152 mm diameter. The core 1 is mounted at each end on a locking core chuck 3 carried by bearings 4 located within a top housing part 5 of a rewind arm 6. The core 2 is mounted at each end on a heavier duty locking core chuck 7 carried by larger bearings 8 also located within the housing 5.

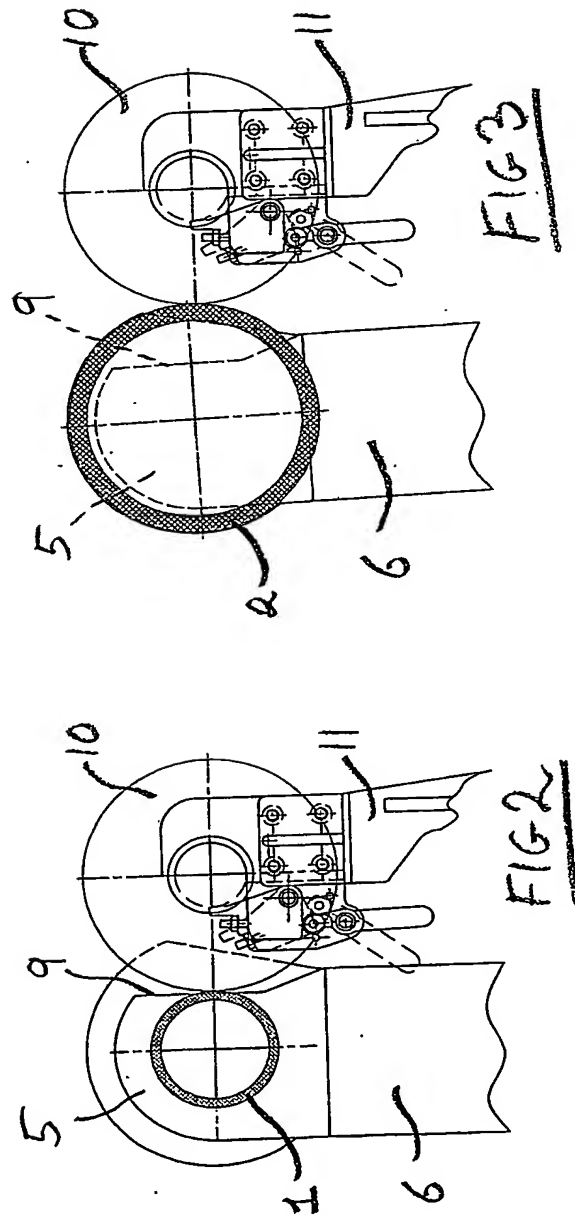
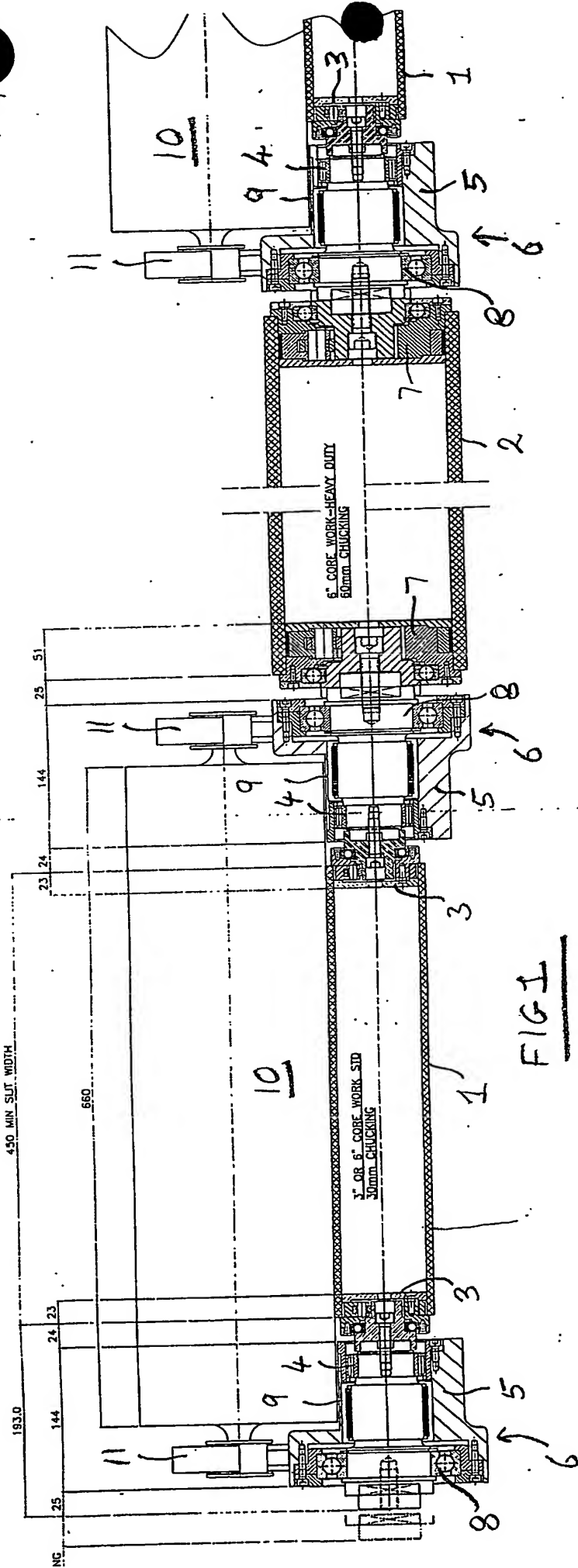
Th housing 5 is cut away or stepped at 9 whereby a contact roller 10 having a width greater than that of the core 1 may be accommodated and brought into contact with the core 1 at the minimum diameter thereof. The contact roller 10 is supported on a pressure arm assembly 11 not shown in detail. The stepped part 9 of the housing 5 on each arm enables a larger bearing assembly 8 to be provided for the larger diameter cores 2 whilst retaining a common drive arrangement. In the drawings the core 2 is shown as idle.

To change from smaller to larger diameter cores does not require a change to be made to the rewind arms themselves but the arms need only be

moved laterally or reversed to accommodate the required core size. The cores
2 can be used with wider contact rollers 10 which overlie the housings 5
without interference.

A slitter rewinder machine may include all of the arms 6 in accordance
5 with this invention or some arms only may be provided.

It will be understood that parts of the slitter rewinder machine are not
described as these are known in the art and do not form an essential part of
this invention other than in combination with the rewind arms described.



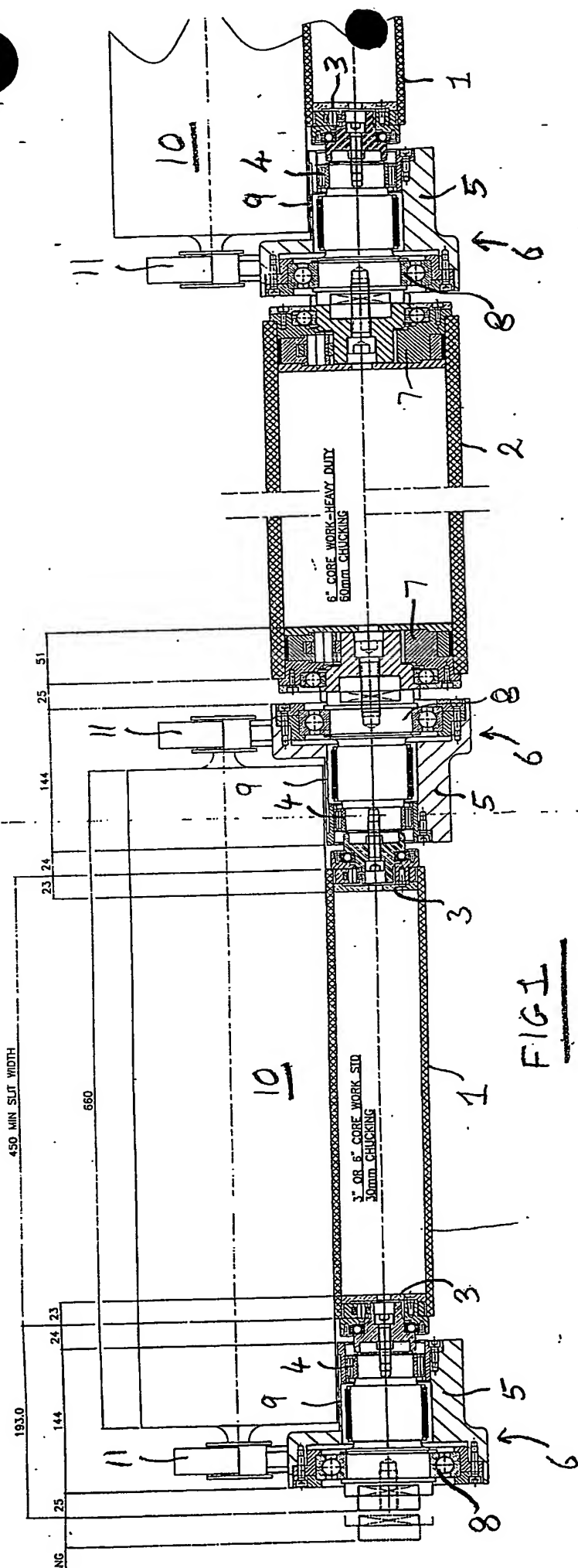


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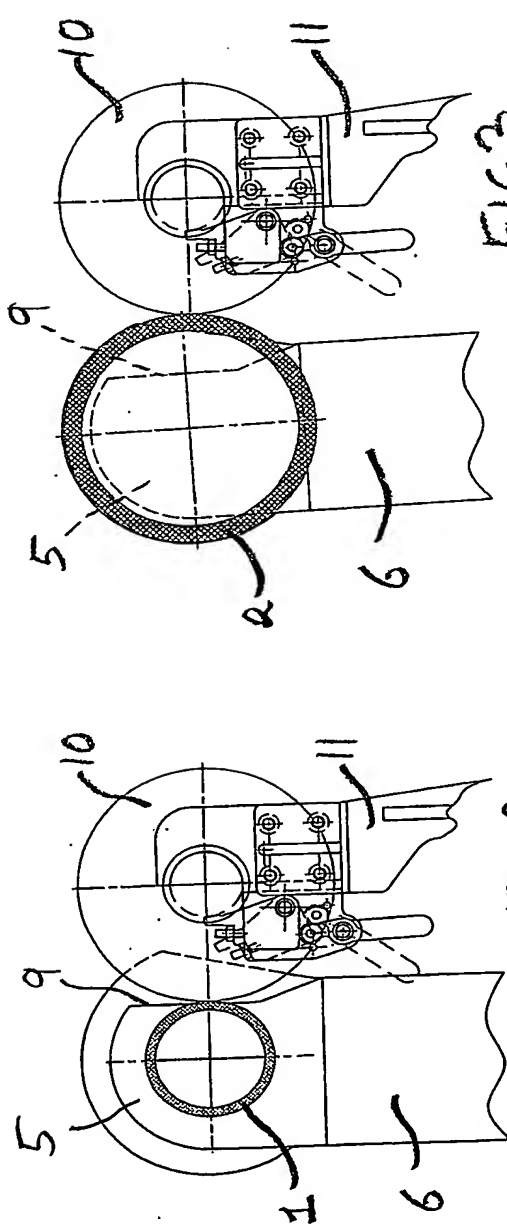


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